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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Diamantis GIKAS et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2173

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Examiner: Brian J. Detwiler

For: METHOD FOR VISUAL DISPLAY UNIT-BASED DEFINITION AND
PARAMETRIZATION OF INTERFACES

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Office Action, mailed November 30, 2005. Applicant provides the following Comments thereon, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104(e) and MPEP 1302.14.

As specified in MPEP 1302.14, "care must be taken to ensure that such reasons are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims." It is submitted that the Examiner's Statements do not meet these standards and, instead, raises "possible misinterpretations ... and possible estoppel effects" (MPEP 1302.14) and, accordingly, should be disregarded.

The reasons for allowance include descriptions and characteristics of a prior art reference, which are submitted to be improper content of "reasons for allowance," as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.104 and as explained in M.P.E.P. §1302.14. In particular, extended discussions of the references Kekic and Bergman are specifically identified as examples of statements which are not a suitable reason for allowance.

It is submitted that the claims are not constrained by such limitations as may be implied from the Examiner's Statement, as are noted above, and, instead, that the claims speak for themselves as to what features are included therein and thus are their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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